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 SUBJECT: (C) REBELS DENT "SHADOW CABINET" RUMORS

REF: KABUL 0003, (B) PESHAWAR

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THREE AFGHAN REBEL REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHOM I HAVE TALKED
 HAVE DENIED THAT A REBEL "SHADOW CABINET" COMPOSED OF TOP DISSI-
 DENT LEADERS HAS BEEN ORGANIZED. DENIALS CONTRADICT RUMORS
 FROM KABUL SOURCES WHICH WERE REPORTEDLY BASED ON BROADCASTS
 FROM REBELS' RADIO ASMAR.

3. I TALKED WITH NASSAN GAILANI, NEPHEW AND CONFIDANT OF SYED
 AHMED GAILANI, ON AUGUST 10, AMCIT VIA MASSART ON THE 11TH,
 AND HIZB-ISLAMI, AFGHANISTAN, NUMBER TWO LEADER AMINULLAH ON
 THE 14TH. ALL CONSIDER ANY DISSIDENT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
 OR "SHADOW CABINET" MADE UP MOSTLY OF PESHAWAR-BASED LEADERS
 AS UNWORKABLE. MASSART LIKENED SUCH A GOVERNMENT TO "PUTTING FIVE
 DIFFERENT ANIMALS IN THE SAME CAGE." GAILANI'S THOUGHTS
 WERE EXPRESSED ALONG SIMILAR LINES. AMINULLAH, WHO TOOK
 USUAL HIZB APPROACH OF DEVIATING THE OTHER GROUPS, SAID
 HIZB WOULD NOT JOIN SUCH A COALITION.

4. CLEARLY, THE LONG-STANDING ANTAGONISMS AMONG THE
 PANICUS AFGHAN FACTIONS HAVE NOT DIMINISHED. EACH TIME I
 TALK WITH DISSIDENTS, A PORTION OF THE CONVERSATION IS
 SPENT IN DAMNING THE COMPETITION. MOST RECENTLY, INTER-
 GROUP HOSTILITY WAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED TO ME AT THE
 HOTEL HYBER INTERCONTINENTAL SWIMMING POOL. WHILE MY
 FAMILY SWAM, I SAT AND CHATTED WITH MASSART AND AN AFGHAN
 TRIBAL FIGURE. NASSAN GAILANI, AN EXSTWHILE FRIEND AND

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3. SCHOOLMATE OF MASSERY'S STAYED UP WITH ARABI SAREBYLAND, THE FORMER AFGHAN DIPLOMAT NOW IN GAILANI'S CAMP. UNKIND WORDS WERE EXCHANGED IN DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. GAILANI ORDERED THE TRIBESMAN AWAY. TENSIONS WERE HIGH. I FELT AS-IF I WERE IN THE G.F. CORRAL.

4. MASSERY LATER EXPLAINED THAT THE TRIBESMAN, A MAZIR FROM PAKTYA, WANTED TO LEAVE THE GAILANI FACTION AND HAD ASKED HIM, MASSERY, TO TAKE COMMAND OF A NEW GROUP. UNWILLING TO SAY, GAILANI REFUSES BOTH THE APOSTASY AND THE FORCING. I CAUTIONED MASSERY THAT, AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, HE COULD EASILY RUN AROUD OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IF HE ASSUMED A LEADERSHIP ROLE AMONG THE REBELS. I SAID I HOPED HE WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER CAREFULLY. HE DID NOT SEEM DISDAINED, HOWEVER.

5. "RADIO ASHERI" NONE OF THE REBELS WHOM I HAVE RECENTLY MET HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MONITOR "RADIO ASHERI" FROM PESHAWAR. NEITHER HAS MY ASSISTANT, MASSOD AKBAR, BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PICKING IT UP ON THE TWO OCCASIONS WHEN HE HAS TRIED. YETTER, THE MAZIR TRIBESMAN SAID HE COULDN'T HEAR THE STATION IN HIS VILLAGE WHICH IS NEAR MATUN (POST) IN PAKTYA. THE DISSENTERS DO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXISTENCE OF THE RADIO. THEY ATTRIBUTE IT TO GUL BADEEN'S HIZB ISLAMI ORGANIZATION AND SAY IT IS A PIECE OF MODIFIER, CAPTURED EQUIPMENT. AMINULLAH OF HIZB STRESSYS THAT HIS ORGANIZATION IS COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSMITTER. IT BROADCASTS ON 4.0 MEGAHERTZ, 45 AND 50 METERBANDS, BETWEEN 8 AND 9 PM PAKISTANI TIME, HE SAYS. ACCORDING TO HIM, HEAVY JAMMING OF TRANSMITTER IN CAHEL, JALALABAD AND TACENTLY WITH PERCEPTION BEING VERY DIFFICULT. ANY REPORTS EMANATING FROM THE RADIO OF WHICH THE REBELS ARE AWARE ARE RECEIVED SECOND-HAND AND COME VIA CAHEL. IN THE CASE OF THE REPORTED "SHADOW CABINET," HOWEVER, THE WHOLE LINE TALKED WITH HAD NOT HEARD OF A BROADCAST.

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